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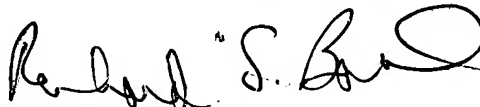


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A copy of the International Search Report for PCT/JP99/01664, which is of record in the parent application, is also enclosed herewith.

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